

RAILROAD HEADS
TO DEFY UNIONS

Sixty-five Lines Will Refuse Demand of All But Engineers.

Not Afraid of General Tie-up Threatened by Workers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—It was learned today that the executive heads of sixty-five railroads, including practically every system of importance in the United States east of the Mississippi, have decided to not grant demands made upon them some time ago by an association of all the unions of railway workers, with the exception of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. That organization always has maintained an independent position in labor disputes.

The decision of the railway presidents will not be formally announced until after December 20. On that date it is supposed to hold a conference in this city of the executive heads of the sixty-five affected roads to work out the details of their decision and phrase its announcement to the leaders of the unions.

Unions Threatened Tie-up.
When the unions sent their demands to the various railways they made it known that a refusal to grant them would be followed by a complete tie-up of every railroad in the eastern half of the country.

At the time the demands were in process of formulation last October, trade conditions were flourishing and the railroads overcrowded with freight. In the past month there has been a material shrinkage in business, and most of the companies have cut down their working forces and abandoned all but absolutely necessary improvement, the result being that many thousands of men are out of work.

Some of the presidents of the large railroads are satisfied that the officers of the labor organizations will realize the futility of asking the companies at this time to add to their financial burdens by increasing the wages of employees. Should the labor unions insist upon all their demands, the most stupendous conflict between labor and the railroads the country has ever seen may, it is feared, ensue.

Railroads Affected.
The railroads affected by the demands include the Pennsylvania, the Boston and Albany, Western and Maine, Baltimore and Ohio, Wheeling and Lake Erie, New York Central, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh, New Jersey Central, Buffalo and Susquehanna, Central New England, Central Vermont, Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, Canadian Pacific, east of Fort William; Cleveland, Akron and Columbus; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; Delaware and Hudson, the Erie, the Reading, New York, New Haven and Hartford; the Southern, Hocking Valley, Grand Trunk, Grand Rapids and Indiana, Kanawha and Michigan, Lake Erie and Western, Michigan Central, Maine Central, New York, Susquehanna and Western; New York, Chicago and St. Louis; Pere Marquette, the Rutland, St. Louis-Louisville lines, Southern Indiana, Toledo, St. Louis and Western, Ohio Central, Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo; Vandalla, Northern Ontario; Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and Lake Erie, Atlantic and Wheeling.

In event of a strike being threatened that would interrupt the transportation of freight and passengers, the Edman law will permit the Interstate Commerce Commission to take steps to bring about a settlement either through mediation or by arbitration.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



Hold on, Buddy! I've forgotten Cousin Dottie's baby's present, and I neglected—etc., etc.

NORDICA CANCELS
OPERA CONTRACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The contract between Mme. Lillian Nordica, the famous soprano, and Oscar Hammerstein, which called for thirty appearances of the diva at the Manhattan Opera House this season, was canceled today by mutual consent.

ARMY POST HERE
NEEDS BUILDINGS

Army engineers, who have examined conditions at Washington barracks in this city, with the view to the establishment of the engineer school and post there, have reported that it will not be possible to make much use of a number of the post buildings.

SHOT AND STABBED;
ASSAILANT UNKNOWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The contract between Mr. William Mudd, with his brother, John Mudd, were passing through a wooded portion of the road leading to Cherrydale, when an unknown assailant sprang out and attacked the former without notice.

1,229,670 DEAD LETTERS
HANDLED IN NOVEMBER

The report of the division of dead letters for November, made public by Assistant Postmaster General De Graw, shows that there were handled during the month 1,229,670 pieces of mail matter, of which 528,200 pieces of domestic origin were returned to the writers.

WOMAN IS SOUGHT
AS AN ACCESSORY
IN BRUTAL MURDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Developments today in the mysterious murder early Friday morning of Frederick B. Romer in his room in the Park Hotel, Orange, started the police definitely on a search for the woman, whom it is now practically certain was the main accessory in the brutal tragedy.

Whether the murder was actually committed by a woman or a man is part of the tangled web which gives this case many of the aspects of the Burdick tragedy of Buffalo. But by an easy process of elimination the police have reduced the crime down to one of the passions of the human heart.

Insane jealousy or deadly hatred alone remain of motives which could possibly have inspired the fiendish brutality which directed the blows that crushed the skull of the wealthy undertaker into a mass of chipped bones.

There came to light a story of a letter received by Romer recently from a woman who has been abroad and in whom he had been greatly interested. She was returning to America. There came to light also a letter, which the murderer left behind, from a woman in Manhattan, informing Romer, who was then on a hunting trip in Maine, that she could now welcome him in her home.

The return of the former sweetheart from abroad might arouse a jealous passion in the breast of a woman who had taken her place, whose violence might evoke a murderous insanity.

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SMITTEN BY ACTRESS;
FOUND FORMER WIFE

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—Pearl Francis Sawyer, the beautiful young woman who committed suicide in Forest Park, St. Louis, was the wife of William B. Osterlander, a young saloonkeeper of this city, whom she married when sixteen years old. They quarreled and within a year she got a divorce on the ground of cruelty. Then she joined a light opera company.

Her divorced husband happened to witness the performance at St. Joseph and became infatuated with his former wife without recognizing her. He met her and discovered who she was, but paid court again, and they were remarried. They went to St. Louis, but soon separated.

The wife came to Omaha recently wearing costly gowns and diamonds, and it is reported a wealthy young man of St. Louis was interested in her.

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Necklaces, Bracelets. If you're thinking of a gift in Necklaces or Bracelets see the exquisite line here. Jet Collars and Festoons, \$2.50 to \$5.00. Garnet Necklaces, \$10 to \$20. Pearl Collarettes, \$4 to \$15. Lavalliers, \$2.50 to \$5. Neck Beads, 50c to \$15. Garnet Bracelets, \$5 to \$15. Gold Bracelets, \$1 to \$20.

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